



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held August 10, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Knabe:

A State appellate court has halted all construction work on the Metropolitan Transit Authority's (MTA) Orange Line busway project in the San Fernando Valley, pending completion of additional environmental review. The project is now over 30% complete. If this court order stands, delays in the project's completion could cost the MTA over \$100 million. State funding for the project in the amount of \$68 million could be lost. A permanent injunction would mean that businesses, residents, schools, churches and synagogues located along and adjacent to the line would have to endure as many as nine additional months of disruption caused by construction activities. This project promises to lessen traffic congestion, improve air quality and increase mobility. A delay in completion of this much-needed transportation artery would cause great harm, without any concomitant benefit, to the residents and businesses of the San Fernando Valley and of the County as a whole."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions as a result of the State appellate court's decision to halt all construction work on the Metropolitan Transit Authority's (MTA) Orange Line busway project in the San Fernando Valley:

1. Made a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a);

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2. Respectfully requested the State appellate court to consider the impact of halting all construction work on the Metropolitan Transit Authority's (MTA) Orange Line busway on taxpayers, businesses and residents of the San Fernando Valley and of Los Angeles County as a whole if a permanent injunction is imposed and construction is not allowed to resume; and
3. Urged the MTA to fight the State appellate court's decision with all means at its disposal.

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